



Mayor Hogue Declared Oct. 5-11
as Fire Prevention Week;
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October 2014

Wylie City Council Opposes Toll Road

Wylie City Council voted unanimously Oct. 6 to pass a resolution opposing the Northeast Gateway toll road project. Mayor Eric Hogue signed the resolution at a special called meeting.

Hogue said that, although members of council acknowledge and support long-range, comprehensive and regional transportation planning, they believe that the proposed routes of the toll road will not benefit the citizens of the City of Wylie and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction. ETJ refers to areas that are outside the city limits but still considered part of the Wylie community.

“We’re not against planning for the future,” Hogue said, “but we do oppose this particular private toll road.” The mayor added that, although the resolution doesn’t prohibit the road’s construction, his hope and that of the council is that it will send a message to county and state officials. “We want to be able to plan ahead, and with several alternate routes proposed and no knowledge of where entrances and exits will be, we don’t have the information

we need to do so. We had hoped to know how many houses would be impacted, and we do not have all the facts at this point; we have been waiting.”



Mayor Eric Hogue signs the resolution opposing the proposed Northeast Gateway Toll Road project.

Several members of the community addressed the council, thanking them for taking this step and urging their fellow citizens to continue to voice their opposition to their county and state representatives.

The private-sector company proposing to build the 28-mile road is the Texas Turnpike Corporation. The TTC is utilizing a state statute, which has since been repealed, that gave authority to a private entity to construct a toll road, including the power of eminent domain. The TTC is currently going through the environmental assessment process that is being monitored by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Additional details on the project, including meeting dates and links to the TTC and North Texas Council of Governments, can be found at WylieTexas.gov.

Trick-or-Treat in Historic Downtown Wylie

Ride the Zip Line, Challenge the Mechanical Bull, Play in the Foam Pit,
Jump on the Bungee Trampoline at Park & Rec’s Glow in the Park in Olde City Park

BOO ON BALLARD

Oct 30

6-8 pm

Free

Wylie ARTS FESTIVAL

ART • CRAFTS • MUSIC • FOOD • TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, December 6 • 10 am - 7 pm

FBC Wylie Event Center

(200 N. Ballard Avenue)

5:30 pm Christmas Parade (Application Online)

7:00 pm Tree Lighting (At Conclusion of Parade)

WylieTexas.gov/artsfestival



November 4 General Election

Exercise your right to vote. Early voting for the Nov. 4 election begins Monday, Oct. 20, and runs through Friday, Oct. 31. Collin County voters may vote at any Collin County

voting center during early voting and

Election Day. Remember, a photo ID is now required to vote in person. For details on locations and times, go to www.WylieTexas.gov/elections.



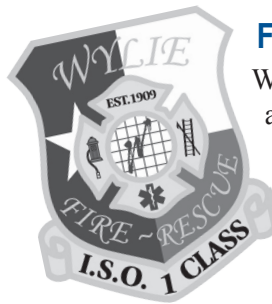
November 8 8 am - 4 pm

Wylie Service Center

949 Hensley Lane

(Behind Founders Park)

The City of Wylie and Community Waste Disposal are pleased to announce another X-treme Green Event for the disposal of residential household hazardous waste, electronics, household metal appliances, automotive tires and document shredding. Brush and bulk will not be accepted. For complete details including, acceptable items and limits, go to www.WylieTexas.gov/xtremegreen.



Fire Prevention Week

Wylie Fire Rescue is educating students and adults on the prevention of home fires throughout the month of October in recognition of Fire Prevention Week, which took place October 5-11.

Wylie firefighters known as the “Wylie Wild Bunch” return to WISD

elementary schools, private schools and day cares with a new 30-minute, live, fire prevention program, Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives – Test Yours Every Month. The high-energy, comical, interactive presentation emphasizes the importance of having working smoke detectors, as well as the use of 9-1-1, developing a home escape plan, and stop, drop and roll.

Every show will feature students and teachers pulled from the audience to participate in the stop, drop and roll portion of the program. An inside-the-house set, designed and built by firefighters, serves as the backdrop for this year’s show. As always, the Wylie Wild Bunch will bring smiles to kids’ faces as they teach lessons with their zany antics.



Capt. Ray Jackson interacts with students during a fire prevention show.

“Elementary kids are a key audience when it comes to teaching fire safety,” says Wylie Fire Marshal Steve Seddig. “Following the presentation, the students return home and are very persistent and persuasive with their parents to practice kitchen safety, check their smoke detectors, develop an escape plan and be prepared.”

The National Fire Association reports that each year in the United States an estimated 2,800 children age 14 or younger are injured and 850 are killed in residential fires, making up 15-20 percent of all fire deaths. Of these children, over 40 percent are under the age of 5, 70 percent are under the age of 10.

According to Fire Chief Brent Parker, many of the deaths would be prevented with proper use of working smoke detectors:

- Have a smoke detector in every sleeping area and immediately outside sleeping areas.
- Check the function of your smoke detector monthly. Change batteries twice a year.
- Replace smoke detectors that are more than 10 years old.
- Do not disable a chirping smoke detector. The battery is low and the detector needs immediate attention.

Wylie Fire Rescue will install detectors free of charge. Do not delay! Wylie residents should call 972-442-8110 to schedule a free inspection and free installation.